



News in brief

Acting SECAF named

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — With the resignation of Peter Teets, former acting secretary of the Air Force, Michael Dominguez is the new acting secretary.

Mr. Dominguez also serves as the assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs. He entered government service in 1983 as a program analyst on the staff in the defense secretary's program analysis and evaluation office. He entered the Senior Executive Service in 1991.

After graduating in 1975 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., he was commissioned an Army second lieutenant. He left the military in 1980.

Free concert Sunday

The Spirit of America Tour presents country music recording artists, The Oak Ridge Boys, in concert. The free show begins at 4 p.m. Sunday at the 442nd Fighter Wing's 5-bay hangar. This event is open to military members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families. The concert is a presentation of the Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc., a California, non-profit corporation. This event is not open to the general public. For more details, call Meladee Bay at 687-6533.

MPF announces change

The military personnel flight implemented appointment only and walk-in customer service hours:

- ✓ 7:30-11 a.m. walk in, and
- ✓ Noon-3:30 p.m. appointments only.

The customer service section — ID cards and records hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays, and 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

LRS limits operations

The 509th LRS Vehicle Management and Traffic Management Flights customer service section will be limited during Lt. Col. Michael Wardell's retirement ceremony at 3 p.m. today in the Bldg. 159 maintenance bay.

Trespassing prohibited

Trespassing is prohibited on any of the combat arms ranges on base. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous due to weapons firing.

The 40 millimeter grenade range is located on the east side of the base adjacent to Highway D.

The rifle, pistol, shotgun and machine gun ranges are located behind Bldg. 1236.

If entry must be made during duty hours, call combat arms at 687-5124, and after duty hours, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Clemens at 647-2460.

School holds open house

The base training and education services center open house take place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 15. Food and refreshments will be provided.



Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Pacific Spirit

WESTERN PACIFIC OCEAN — A B-2 refuels from a KC-135 Stratotanker here during a deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The bomber deployed as part of a rotation that has provided U.S. Pacific Command officials a continuous bomber presence in the Asia-Pacific region, enhancing regional security and the U.S. commitment to the Western Pacific. The B-2 is deployed from Whiteman AFB, Mo. The stratotanker is assigned to the Illinois Air National Guard's 126th Air Refueling Wing at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Wing to test travel system

DTS designed to speed service

The 509th Bomb Wing will join other Department of Defense organizations that already use the new Defense Travel System.

DTS implementation here begins in early May when some squadrons begin using the system. Originally envisioned in the mid-1990s, DTS fielding began in 2001 at 27 test sites and at 232 other sites across DoD, and is already supporting hundreds of thousands of military members and civilians.

The benefits DTS provides travelers include authorizing officials, managers and commanders. Those most touted include: fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses; approvals and certifications tied directly to mission, a significant reduction in time spent administering travel, reduced paperwork and the automated payment of government charge cards.

On Dec. 24, 2003, DTS became the official DoD temporary duty travel system and was approved for fielding to the DoD.

"Within the next two years we will deploy DTS to the most high-volume travel sites within DoD," said DTS Program Director Colonel Brandy Johnson. "It will take time to deploy DTS to all of the DoD, but the process is well underway. DTS is a state-of-the-art system ... that draws from the best features of commercial travel technology and links them to the DoD financial and accounting systems to provide the user a seamless, responsive travel system. The colonel also said DTS will help improve quality of life for service men and women.

Some of the new features include:

✓ **Fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses.** This is a priority item. DoD will now be able to reimburse its business travelers quickly and electronically.

"Why should our travelers be financing our operations?" Colonel Johnson said. "That's what happens, in effect, if

we don't reimburse them promptly."

✓ **Worksite approvals and certifications.** DTS places approval of travel arrangements and certification of travel vouchers at the traveler's worksite instead of at a servicing finance location. This places the authority to make travel decisions with the leaders and managers responsible for completing the mission.

✓ **Significant reduction in the time spent administering travel.** Reports to Congress based on DTS field-testing indicate that on average, the time spent administering travel is cut to one-third of what it had been before DTS.

✓ **Reduced paperwork.** As DoD's single end-to-end electronic solution for defense business travel, DTS is, in fact, online travel. DTS provides electronic connectivity between the traveler, the authorizing official, the service or agency accounting and disbursing systems, the local comptroller's budget, the commercial travel service provider, the commercial bank card service and the electronic archive

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

HONORING OUR PAST. Aviation is one of America's strengths, and our Air Force was built by aviation pioneers with vision. This month, the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce hosts a traveling exhibit called "Heroes of the Sky" that recounts the achievements of some of these people. They also honor today's 'heroes' — you — by including displays from Whiteman each Saturday in April. More information is on Page 3 of this week's *Whiteman Spirit*. Thanks to the chamber for recognizing aviation's contribution to history. Thanks also to the many volunteers from several Whiteman units who will highlight today's aviation "heritage in the making."

AIRMEN HELPING AIRMEN. Several volunteers recently helped remodel the shelving in the Airman's Attic, making it a much more efficient space. Thanks to Master Sgt. Bob Blacklock from Security Forces and his son Bobby; Master Sgt. Mark Cherry from the Communications Squadron, and his son Justin; and Lt. Col. Kelly Kirts. The Airman's Attic provides a valuable service to our families, all

through volunteer efforts. It's another example of the strong community we have here, and of the great people who keep it strong. Follow their example — when you can — get involved!

MAINTAINING THE B-2 EDGE. Our 509th maintenance team does a unique and demanding hands-on job: keeping the world's most potent bomber armed and ready for our crews to take to combat. They do it with class and great skill. We'll celebrate the best of the best tonight at the Maintenance Professional of the Year dinner, keynoted by Maj. Gen. Ann Harrell, Air Combat Command Director of Maintenance and Logistics. To our maintainers — thanks for what you do; keep 'em flying!

SMALL, FAST-MOVING PEOPLE. Warmer weather brings kids outside in force. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are a common sight on and off base. **Kids:** enjoy the great weather, but remember to play it safe — stop, look, listen! If you can't see a driver's eyes, they don't see you. **Parents:** make sure your children use appropriate safety gear for each activity, and teach them how to avoid traffic. **Everyone:** keep a sharp eye out for these young members of our Air Force family — your extra caution could save a life!



Photo by Airman Jeffrey Hall

Airman 1st Class Richard Maurer, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, inspects the hydraulic lines and fittings of the landing gear on a B-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. B-2 aircrews and maintainers recently deployed to Nellis for a Red Flag exercise.

Life skills can be learned in team sports

By 1st Lt. Kevin Hunt

509th Maintenance Group

When I thought about what to write for this column, I pondered the experiences that I've had in my life. The first thing that came back over and over in my mind was team sports and all of the teams I've played on.

I started playing sports at age 5. I'd like to tell you what team sports do to help build success.

I ran across a great quote which many of you will say the meaning sounds pretty obvious. But when I thought about the quote, it really meant much more. When asked why he assembled a team of 21 assistants, inventor Thomas Edison said, "If I could solve all the problems myself I would."

I believe the quote builds on the very foundation of what team play is all about.

There are many sports in this world, obvious to everyone, which consists of a team of players — football, baseball, etc. I would argue even golf and bowling could be considered team sports if you think about the attributes needed to make a professional bowler or golfer successful.

The basic attribute that develops out of team play is trust. Golfers must trust their caddies to measure the right distances. Bowlers must trust their ball makers to make them a ball to the specifications. Football running backs must trust the lineman to make the block in the place where the play was designed.

In all sports, teammates must be able to trust each other to be successful. In my eight years in the Air Force, I've seen teams that perform well because they have a high level of trust within the organizations.

Another important attribute for success, learned from team play, is understanding the role of your teammates.



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Team sports like basketball teach players life skills, said 1st Lt. Kevin Hunt, 509th Maintenance Group.

Whether a person is the vocal leader, the leader by example or maybe the teammate who wants to make the everyday play, each role is pivotal to the team. Understanding how each player fits into the team makes a successful group.

A perfect example of this attribute is the New England Patriots football team. They have thrived over the last four years, winning three Super Bowls, with many no-name players. The one reason the head coach, Bill Belichick, gives for their success is his players have a great under-

standing of their roles. He believes good team play outweighs great individual players.

"All winning teams are goal-oriented," said Lou Holtz, former University of Notre Dame head football coach. "Teams like these win consistently because everyone connected with them concentrates on specific objectives. They go about their business with blinders on; nothing will distract them from achieving their aims."

I could write all day about the benefits of playing team sports. Things like conflict-resolution techniques, giving up something to help another person ("taking one for the team"), etc., are all attributes that you would learn through team play. The attribute that is most important, to those of us that play team sports, is the competitive drive in our heart to bring our best game every time we step onto the field or court.

Players don't want to let down their teammates, especially when the game is on the line.

For many of us, I think this translates to our teams at work. This is the attribute helping drive us to perfection in our awards writing, to stay the extra time at work to finish the job we started, to help one of our co-workers complete an arduous task for the betterment of the team, and so on. I would have found it hard to build my competitive drive if it weren't for the 20 plus years of playing team sports. I've watched myself in certain situations where too much drive can ruin some of the attributes. The overall success of a team can be achieved when its players work together, and drive toward their goals.

Team sports are a fabulous way to build a successful team; throw on a glove or some basketball shoes and take your players to the gym or a field to start team building. Or as author Debra Mancuso put it, "Win together, lose together, play together, stay together."

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Pope's passing felt by 509ers

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Patrick Beck was serving as a Catholic priest in Beaumont, Texas, when John Paul II was inaugurated as Pope in 1978.

Chaplain (Major) Beck, now the Catholic Chaplain assigned here, said he can relate to many of the Holy Father's preachings. The pope passed away early Saturday afternoon at his private residence in the Vatican City. He was 84.

Chaplain Beck never met the pope, but attended three of the pope's speeches: at the World Youth Day at Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and twice in the Vatican City.

"To me his acceptance of all people is something in the military that we preach about," said Chaplain Beck. "As chaplains, we use the term 'pluralistic.' It means to work with people of all faith. That's certainly what the pope did and what we practice as chaplains in the military.

"He was definitely a people person, who would welcome people who could not come to him. It didn't matter what faith background people had, he reached out to people at all times and in all ways."

Chaplain Beck said he was in awe the first time he saw the pope in person at the

Vatican in 1978. He said he respected the pope because of his hard life. John Paul II, a native of Wadowice, Poland, was born into poverty and had to deal with his parents' deaths.

"Being born into poverty shaped him to be concerned for the poor and to deal with any difficulty with a great firmness and strength," Chaplain Beck said.

Whiteman Catholic parishioners held a special prayer and petition for the late Holy Father during Masses Saturday and Sunday.

"He affected so many people — young and old alike," said Tammy Templeton, Catholic parish coordinator and choir director. "There's a piece of him that will always be with us. There's a song 'We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe.' That's kind of how we feel."

Maj. Bruce Bartholomew, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, wasn't a Catholic when he, his parents and his sister made a pilgrimage to Rome in the spring of 1980. Major Bartholomew was among 40,000 visitors who gathered to hear the Holy Father's message. He said the pope's words had a lasting effect on him.

"I was deeply moved by the aura around this man," Major Bartholomew said. "His presence was amazing. He took

"He reached out to people at all times and in all ways."

— Chaplain (Maj.) Patrick Beck
509th Bomb Wing Catholic Chaplain

time to try and greet everyone. His spirituality was striking; he was a man of deep faith yet was also a fellow human being."

Five years later, Major Bartholomew was baptized into the Catholic Church.

In July 2002, Abby Copeland, daughter of retired Master Sgt. Keith Copeland, attended the World Youth Day in Toronto. She and three other Whiteman teens listened to the pope's speech on faith.

"(His speech) made me think about what I should be after high school," said Miss Copeland, now a student at State Fair Community College. "It made me see that there's more problems in the world."

Miss Copeland said she stood a few feet away when the pope rode by.

"It was amazing," she said. "I don't think it was something I could ever forget."

The pope's funeral takes place today in Rome.

Moving ... need boxes?

By Pat Martinez
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Moving season is just around the corner. Many base members need boxes, while others have an excess.

The base recycling center offers a service to help both groups.

Each day good boxes are collected. The recycling center staff breaks down the stronger boxes and stores them in an area for people to reuse.

The boxes are available free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis. If base members need good packing boxes for moving, they can stop by the recycling center 7 a.m.-3:15 p.m. weekdays.

People who live on base and have boxes to dispose of can call 687-2017 to have them picked up. People who live off base may also take boxes to the recycling center. However, boxes must be empty of all broken items and litter. People should place packing paper in one or two boxes so it's centrally available. For more details, call 687-2017.



Photo by Maj. Don Langley

Having a blast

SEDALIA, Mo. — Staff Sgt. John Jones, 509th Munitions Squadron, explains the functions of Joint Directed Attack Munitions to Laura Kelly and her son, John, at Seda-like the Katy Depot here Saturday. Members of the 509th Munitions and the 509th Aircraft Maintenance squadrons displayed some of the tools of their trade and discussed their work with civilian guests. The Sedalia Chamber hosts the National Endowment for the Humanities' traveling exhibit "Heroes of the Sky" through the end of April. The event highlights the contributions of aviation pioneers. Airmen from Whiteman will highlight various aspects of current airpower operations each Saturday. The exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is free. Call 660-826-2222 or 800-827-5295 for more information.

Wills could help avoid heartache

By Captain Steve Smart
Chief of Legal Assistance

The legal battles over Terri Schiavo's treatment have military families asking how they can prevent a similar situation.

Mrs. Schiavo recently passed away after living off of a feeding tube. She suffered severe brain damage after collapsing from heart failure in her home in 1990.

One way to make personal intentions known about a serious medical condition is to have a living will. A living will isn't part of a last will and testament. It's a separate document, also known as an advance medical directive or declaration. This document states that those who are diagnosed with a terminal, incurable condition, authorize physicians to remove life support. A living will also allows a person to state how much medical care is desired if the patient becomes severely ill or injured, and are unable to function without assistance — and more importantly, the limits the patient wants to set on care.

Executing a living will isn't asking a doctor for help for becoming critically ill. The will, depending on a person's choices, can specify what type of care the person will receive. For example, it can tell doctors or hospitals to keep feeding a patient, but not to help the patient breathe, if they can't.

A medical power of attorney is also an important document to have. It authorizes a person you designate to direct the course of your medical care. This may include some termination of life support decisions as well.

The legal assistance attorneys at the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office can answer questions regarding these documents, help understand the need to revise the documents when moving to a new jurisdiction and help prepare the documents chosen to reflect decisions about the withdrawal or extension of life support measures. These documents can be completed during appointments with attorneys. For more details, call the 687-6809.

Living wills: a matter of life or death

By Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas (AFP) — The Terry Schiavo saga has both captured and divided the nation as moral and legal questions have been raised over the right to live or die. While many people remain at odds over the underlying issues, most agree on one topic — the importance of living wills.

"We've had a huge increase over the past couple of months because of the Schiavo case," said Burton Brasher, chief of client services in the Fort Sam Houston legal assistance office. "We've probably done more in the past two months than we've done in the past year. Although difficult, the case has definitely raised public awareness."

A living will is a legal document that expresses a person's personal health-care wishes in the event he or she is unable to make decisions, Mr. Brasher said.

"If you're incapacitated, a living will provides the doctor with guidance for your continued treatment," he said.

This guidance includes decisions related to extraordinary measures to sustain life, a goal doctors aim for in the absence of a living will.

"Doctors are trained to do everything they can to preserve life," Mr. Brasher said. "But not all people want to live like that, whether (for) religious beliefs, personal convictions or financial reasons."

Living wills are particularly important for people heading into risky situations, such as combat or medical procedures.

"It helps remove uncertainty," Mr. Brasher said. "We have a lot of doctors sending patients over here before surgeries. They recognize the importance of the document. The more a doctor knows, the better he can do his job."

There is no federal standard for living wills, so many states have developed their own format. Texas, for example, has two documents, both referred to as living wills. One is a directive to physicians, and the other is a special power of attorney for health care. The first expresses the patient's personal desires in advance, and the other designates a "decision-maker" who would decide on the measures taken to preserve life at a later time.

Both documents are legally binding, but Mr. Brasher said people who have both documents should make sure neither one conflicts with the other.

"Make sure your personal wishes and the person you designate

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Around the Air Force

Course prepares NCOs for joint ops

A new training course for senior enlisted leaders is giving them skills that are proving invaluable for those deployed to Southwest Asia. The Command Senior Enlisted Leader Capstone Joint Operations Module is giving warfighters the tools they need to operate in an environment where they work with their sister services and coalition members. The course, introduced last year, mirrors the capstone course general and flag officers receive. Topics cover the life cycle of a joint task force: forming a joint task force, developing joint manning documents, joint command and control, joint basing and integrating special operations forces.

Records to stay at AFPC

Airmen who retire or separate don't have to wait several months to receive requested copies of certain records because of a recent change in how the Air Force maintains personnel records. The 49-year-old practice of sending nearly 5,500 personnel records each month to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis ended in February as part of an effort to save money and give Airmen better access to their records. People requesting their records must send a signed note that includes their name, Social

Security number, contact information and specific record requested. Those requesting a relative's record must provide their relationship to the former Airman.

Former active-duty Airmen who retired or separated on or after Oct. 1, 2004, can request copies of records by writing to AFPC/DPFFCMP, 550 C St. W., Suite 19, Randolph AFB, TX 78150 or by faxing 210-565-4021 or DSN 665-4021.

Former Guard and Reserve Airmen who retired or separated on or after Oct. 1, 2004, can write to HQ ARPC/PSDC, 6760 E. Irvington Place, Suite 4000, Denver, CO 80280 or fax 303-676-7071 or DSN 926-7071. Those who retired or separated before Oct. 1, 2004, can visit the NPRC Web site for record request instructions at <http://www.archives.gov>.

Law helps troops dealing with creditors

Federal law prohibits lenders from immediately foreclosing on homes or other assets owned by servicemembers deployed overseas on military duty. Servicemembers are protected under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, signed by President Bush on Dec. 19, 2003.

The act includes a provision that protects against default judgment. In any civil action, such as a lawsuit or a foreclo-

sure, in which the defendant does not make an appearance, the court requires an affidavit saying whether or not the other party is a servicemember. Activated Reserve and Guard servicemembers and those on active duty and their family members can call the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office at 687-6809 for more details.

DFAS Web site moves

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web site moved to a new location on the Internet. The old site, <http://www.dfas.mil>, will redirect users to the new site, <http://www.dod.mil/dfas>, and links to pages on the previous site will generate an error message notifying users of the move.

The move enhances the performance of the site by providing redundancy to prevent down time and by providing an opportunity for enhanced features in the future. The move also increases the speed of the site by more than 12 times and allows DFAS content to be found at <http://www.dod.mil/dfas>, <http://www.defense.mil/dfas>, <http://www.pentagon.gov/dfas>, <http://www.defense.gov/dfas>, <http://www.defenselink.mil/dfas> or <http://www.defense.gov/dfas>.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

Lt. Col. Christopher Harness, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron commander, accepts the guidon from Col. Kenneth Murphy, 53rd Test and Evaluation Group at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

72nd TES hosts change of command

Rank and Name: Lt. Col. Christopher Harness
Squadron: 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron
Date assumed command: March 24
Previous assignment: 509th Bomb Wing chief of safety
Time in service: 17 years
Commissioning source: U.S. Air Force Academy
Family: Wife, Linda; and children, Joshua, 15; Connor, 11; and Rebecca, 8
Hobbies: Any sport, wood working and farming.
Why the squadron is important to the Air Force mission: We provide force development evaluation for the B-2 Spirit. This means we perform operational tests, analysis and reports on the effectiveness or suitability of B-2 enhancements including all related ground support equipment, training devices, technical orders and maintenance procedures. We don't make the B-2, but we make it better.
Command philosophy: Keep grappling for the big picture and lead from the front!
Goals for new position: I'd like to leave the squadron with each person proud of the unit and each other, eager to contribute to the mission and confidently aware of how they impact the squadron. Then, I'll know the job will get done long after I've left!



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Last chance

Master Sgt. Steve Eggers, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, helps Capt. Doug Bouton, 394th Combat Training Squadron, fill out tax paperwork. The 2005 tax season is winding down. The Whiteman Tax Office's last day of operation is May 1, but appointments will be limited after April 15. Customers can get tax assistance at the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office after May 1. The tax office's hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays in the community center. To make an appointment or for more details, call 687-6020.

Former enlistees take similar paths to success

By Carolyn Knothe

Special to the Whiteman Spirit

Two attorneys in the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office began their Air Force careers a long way from the courtroom.

Capt. Lyn PatyskiWhite, chief of military justice, attended college before enlisting in the Air Force. She was a computer systems operator at Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

“While at Loring, I decided I wanted to finish my degree, in either the legal or medical field,” she said.

Capt. Shelley Hilliker, chief of civil law, enlisted right after high school. Her first job, although very different from the legal position she now holds, gave her a foundation that she uses today.

“I started as a workforce manager for civil engineering,” Captain Hilliker said. “It prepared me for a leadership role because in CE, I was a young Airman surrounded by older gentlemen that I had to tell where they were working each day. Getting up in front of them every day was daunting. But, I learned how to lead.”

They both cross-trained into the parale-

gal field and enjoyed it. Then they took opportunities offered by the Air Force to go to college and law school.

“I did it because I didn’t think I could do it,” Captain Hilliker said. “Every day, I’m amazed that I’m sitting here. Everything is achievable if you want it and work hard enough at it.”

Captain PatyskiWhite echoed that sentiment.

“When I first went to college, I thought I was an average person. But with hard work, you can do just about anything,” she said.

Master Sgt. Donald Whitley, the law office manager, said the two women showed strong determination to get their degrees.

“Through drive and a will to succeed, they’ve earned their undergraduate degrees and didn’t stop there,” he said. “They went on to get their law degrees and became commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force.”

Now, the two are using their skills both in the courtroom and by giving legal advice



PatyskiWhite

to Whiteman members here. They credit their co-workers in the legal office for helping them do their best.

“Col. (Cheryl) Thompson, my boss, has a very positive attitude and demands excellence,” Captain Hilliker said. “I’m motivated to do well for her. Everyone that works in the office is just wonderful to work with and I don’t want to let them down.”

“I’m grateful to have great people working with me,” Captain PatyskiWhite added. “The people make the job. I feel very lucky.”

Sergeant Whitley described the captains as team players and leaders.

“Bottom line: they are true professionals,” he said.

For the two women, it’s all about serving their country and doing what they love.

“I see this as my part in shaping, or enforcing, Air Force core values,” said Captain PatyskiWhite. “And by helping the people, I help the Air Force. Duty, valor and country mean something to me and always did. Being able to serve my country and do something I always wanted to do is a bonus.”

Captain Hilliker agreed.

“I defend the Air Force — what better client could there be?” she said.

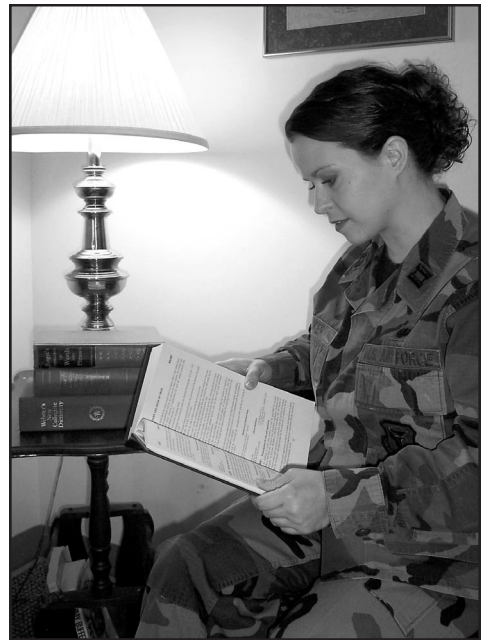


Photo by Carolyn Knothe

Capt. Shelly Hilliker, 509th Bomb Wing military attorney, reads a Missouri law statute book. She’s a former Air Force enlisted member.

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Commissaries promote ‘OneSource’

Need advice on consumer debt? Feeling depressed? Help is available. Military OneSource is the newest member of the military family support team, and commissaries are helping increase awareness of the program. Provided by the Defense Department at no cost to servicemembers and their families, the program is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the Web. The reminders will come in the form of posters in 272 stores, pins on cashiers, and OneSource messages on grocery bags.

The OneSource Web site contains information and advice as well as pointers to services ranging from counseling to information on family support, emotional support, debt management and legal issues — all at no cost to the service member. Servicemembers can call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 from the United States or 800-3429-6477 from outside the United States, using country-specific access codes. The Web site also directs users to toll-free help lines for the United States and overseas.

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as your decision-maker in the power of attorney are on the same page,” he said.

Other states have just one document. And, in some states, organ donation is included in living wills, while the choice to donate is designated through the driver’s license system in others.

Whatever the differences, Mr. Brasher said he recommends a living will based on where people live, whether a resident or not, to remove the “guess work.”

“It’s best to have one for the state you live in or (move) to so the local doctor has a document he’s familiar with,” he said.

However, since each state has its own format, the legal office here includes a header that asks for the will to be recognized nationwide.

Another way to avoid potential problems is to update living wills every two to three years so there is recent proof and fewer “questions raised about whether you still feel the same way as you did when you signed the document,” Mr. Brasher said.

People also should talk to their health-care providers, particularly when undergoing a medical procedure.

“Find out the consequences of the procedure beforehand,” Mr. Brasher said. “That way, you can include specific requests in your living will. For instance, if you don’t want a feeding tube, you can say so in the directive.”

Such a directive can be the difference between a private decision and a national debate.

Any military legal assistance office can prepare living wills free of charge to active-duty servicemembers, family members, retirees and reservists on active duty for 30 or more days.

Use safety to avoid hazards

By Tech. Sgt. Raul Betancourt

509th Bomb Wing Safety Office

Unsafe use and storage of various electrical equipment was the third-leading cause of fire deaths in the country in recent years.

A lot of deaths, injuries and property loss can be avoided by following some simple electrical safety tips and precautions when dealing with electricity.

The electrical distribution equipment improperly used or stored included wiring, switches, outlets, cords and plugs, fuse and circuit breaker boxes, lighting fixtures and lamps contributed to the deaths.

These electrical hazards can be eliminated, if people take steps necessary to protect themselves.

Tips and Precautions

- ✔ Replace frayed cords, broken plugs or cracks that could cause hazards; cut and throw out damaged cords.

- ✔ Never run power cords across traffic paths or under rugs or furniture.

- ✔ Never use extension cords on a continuous

basis; they are temporary solutions only.

- ✔ Limit using extension cords and never with space heaters or air conditioners.

- ✔ Be careful not to overload power strips and surge suppressors. They don't provide more power, just more access to the same limited circuit capacity.

- ✔ If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse or trips a circuit breaker, or if it has given you a shock, unplug it and have it repaired or replaced.

- ✔ Halogen desk and floor lamps are fire risks; replace them with more efficient, cooler-burning fluorescent lamps.

- ✔ Turn off electrical items before unplugging them, and unplug items by firmly grasping the plug itself, never yank the cord.

- ✔ Put safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.

- ✔ Be careful, while plugging in or unplugging, not to touch the metallic prongs with your finger or any other item you are holding.

- ✔ Keep all liquids away from outlets and electrical items.

- ✔ Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.

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Busy as BEEs: Airmen aid local authorities, ensure safety



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Master Sgt. Steven Chabotte, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, inventories a Quicksilver chemical and biological sampling kit. This kit contains everything a person would need to sample any kind of material such as soil, liquid, unknown powder or dust, or hazardous items.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

First Lt. Tom Heier advises Senior Airman Hans Umhoefer in authorizing chemicals for use by maintenance members. They are members of the 509th Medical Support Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

First Lt. Michael Horenziak, 509th Medical Support Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, uses an ADM 300 machine to test a potentially hazardous item. The machine, which cost approximately \$8,000, is used for testing items like bombs or improvised explosive devices for radiation.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Staff Sgt. Lisa Shastay, 509th Medical Support Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, performs a test using the Hapsite machine. This equipment tests for any volatile organic chemicals such as chemical warfare agents or pesticides. The machine cost approximately \$331,000.

By Melissa Klinkner
Public Affairs

Five bioenvironmental engineering flight members went beyond their normal call of duty to help a local community organization March 23 — the Warrensburg Fire Department.

First Lts. Michael Horenziak and Tom Heier, Staff Sgt. Lisa Shastay and Senior Airman Joyce Baum, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and Master Sgt. Steven Chabotte, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, helped analyze a potentially harmful substance.

Earlier that day, the WFD discovered a potentially dangerous unknown compound in a homemade improvised explosive device. Although the WFD sent a part of the unknown compound to the state public health lab for identification, they would have had to wait up to two weeks for results about the identification of the material.

The WFD members knew of Whiteman's chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive detection capabilities after having recently attended a symposium put on by the base fire and HAZMAT departments. The WFD contacted the BEE flight, knowing it could possibly identify the compound.

Once permission was granted by the wing commander, the flight members responded immediately and began tests to identify the compound, said Terry Hill, WFD assistant chief. The tests performed screened the compound for radioactivity, toxic chemical compounds and biological agents.

The BEE flight used many advanced machines to test these aspects and was able to identify the compound as a non-hazardous form of carbohydrate — starch — with an additional potassium nitrate compound. This combination showed the intent of making an explosive mixture.

Within a few hours, the BEE flight was able to identify the carbohydrate compound, and received the results of the potassium nitrate compound the following day.

"They saved us at least 11 to 12 days of waiting for the state lab's results," said Mr. Hill.

The BEE flight was able to respond quickly, partly because of the advanced equipment used to perform the tests.

"Hopefully, this effort by our flight, medical group and bomb wing has instilled some confidence in the first responders for the city of Warrensburg," said Capt. Paul Hopper, 509th MDSS. "Now, they know that they have some back-up capability located nearby."

The machines used for testing included an ADM 300 for testing for radiation, a Hapsite for testing for volatile organic chemicals such as chemical warfare agents or pesticides, and a Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer used for solid identification.

Lieutenant Heier said he enjoyed having the opportunity to work with the high-tech detection equipment. "It felt good to use the training (on the machines) and capabilities we've gained from our Air Force training in a real world situation," he said.

While the BEE flight staff has highly advanced equipment and capabilities, they do more than testing unknown compounds. They ensure there are no health and environmental risks at Whiteman. Flight members sample base drinking water, protect workers from hazardous chemicals and other exposures by recommending protective equipment for employees to wear, and perform gas mask fittings.

In addition, the 13-member flight works closely with the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron to ensure contractors don't harm personnel or the environment. They do this by sampling air, water and soil in the event of a spill or unknown substance found.

The BEE flight coordinates with the base fire department to assess hazards and recommend personnel protective equipment as well.

The flight members optimize combat capabilities by preventing casualties and enhancing performance in the deployed and home-station environments through full spectrum threat health risk reduction. They strive to provide operational health risk assessment expertise to enhance commander decision making and health

service support capabilities.

As a pilot unit for the medical NBC team and the Homeland Defense team, the BEE flight researches and field tests new equipment that can enhance their abilities.

The multi-faceted team also writes tactics, techniques and procedures for using the equipment, Captain Hopper said. They spent two weeks testing all the new equipment during a military utilization assessment at the end of 2003. The successful exercise led to the approval of a \$40 million equipment package Air Forcewide.

"The morale and attitude of the people in our office is the best I've ever seen," said Captain Hopper. "I feel the same way about our medical group and wing. This base has the best spirit I have ever seen."

With the wing commander's approval, the BEE flight looks forward to assisting the WFD or other local community organizations again soon.

The WFD staff agrees. "It was such a positive working environment with the BEE flight group," said Mr. Hill. "They were very friendly and great with following up to make sure we got the information. They really went the extra mile."



Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Heier

Senior Airman Joyce Baum, 509th Medical Support Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, holds the improvised explosive device found by the Warrensburg Fire Department March 23.

Community

Free concert scheduled

The Spirit of America Tour presents country music recording artists, The Oak Ridge Boys, in concert. The free show begins at 4 p.m. Sunday at the 442nd Fighter Wing's 5-bay hangar. This event is open to military members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families. The concert is a presentation of the Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc., a California, non-profit corporation. This event is not open to the general public. For more details, call Meladee Bay at 687-6533.

AFA, MOAA meet April 19

The Air Force Association Chapter 299 and the Military Officers Association of America meet at noon April 19 at Mission's End. The speakers are Mary Posner, Salute to Veterans director from Columbia, Mo., and Col. Leon Hoffsette, University of Missouri Air Force ROTC detachment commander. For more details, call Lt. Col. Fred Niblock at 687-6962.

Sign up for Head Start

Missouri Valley Community Action Agency is accepting applications through May 27 from families with 3- to 5-year-olds for enrollment in the fall 2005 Head Start classes. Educational, social, medical, dental and nutritional services are free for 3- to 5-year-olds, including those with disabilities and from families with limited income living in Johnson County. Services are also available to pregnant women and for children up to 5 years old. Call the Head Start in Knob Noster at 563-3751 or in Warrensburg at 660-429-1144 to apply or for more details.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-retirement briefing set

A pre-retirement briefing for people retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. For more details, call the MPF at 687-1500 or 687-6720.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 660-747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move overseas in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. Permanent-change-of-station orders are not necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

Special needs meeting set

A forum for parents, teachers and others who care for special needs children begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Whiteman Elementary School library. Learn about the support and community services available and meet others who understand the challenges facing special needs families. Free child care will be provided. Call Jeanette Bachmann at 563-3303 to R.S.V.P. for child care.

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Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

- Monday:** Chicken and noodles, peas, fruit cocktail and a cookie
- Tuesday:** Catfish, macaroni and cheese, carrots and an orange
- Wednesday:** Turkey, mashed potato, beets, graham crackers and a roll
- Thursday:** Egg roll, rice, mixed vegetables and peaches
- April 15:** Pizza, salad, banana and pudding

Whiteman Elementary School

- Monday:** Hamburger, french fries, corn and cookies
- Tuesday:** Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, salad and fruit
- Wednesday:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, fruit and a roll
- Thursday:** Hot dog, potato wedges, salad, fruit with Jell-O
- April 15:** Tacos, beans, salad and cake

Chapel Services

Catholic

- Eucharist (Mass):
- 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays
 - 5 p.m. Saturdays
 - 9 a.m. Sundays
- Religious education:
- 10:45 a.m. Sundays at the base education and training center
- Scripture study:
- 6 p.m.

Protestant

- General worship:
- 11 a.m. Sundays
- Gospel:
- 1 p.m. Sundays
- Sunday School:
- 9:30 a.m. Sundays
- Youth:
- 4 p.m.
- AWANA:
- 5 p.m.
- Additional worship opportunities are offered through various lay councils, organizations and activities.
- For more information, call 687-3652.

Volleyball Standings

as of Wednesday

<u>Intramural League</u>			<u>Extramural League</u>		
<u>TEAM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
MUNS	12	1	Chiefs	8	2
CES	12	1	AMXS	7	2
SFS	9	4	MedGp	7	4
CS	7	6	442	6	4
OSS	5	8	CS	1	8
CPTS	4	9	SVS	0	7
MXS	2	11			
MOS	0	13			

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Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Battle at the net

Justin Martin, 509th Operations Support Squadron, tries to tip the ball over the net as Craig Hoivik, 509th Communications Squadron, attempts to block Tuesday. The 509th OSS intramural volleyball team beat the 509th CS team in three games, 25-23, 22-25 and 18-16.

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Community Activities

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Staying open late

The skills development center is open until 8 p.m. Wednesdays for your convenience. This is a good opportunity for people to work on projects, get help and advice with crafts or pick up a new hobby.

Stepping stone class

Learn to cut and grind glass to inlay in concrete and create beautiful outdoor stepping stones in a class that takes place 2-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday at the skills development center. The cost is \$25 plus supplies.

Framing class

Become certified to cut single and double mats, assemble, cut glass and join a frame. Students must bring a 5x7 or smaller picture to frame. The cost is \$40.

Youth Center 687-5586

Month of the Military Child Youth sports event

Come and party with the stars to support the youth sports program beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Mission's End.

Jared Allen, Kansas City Chiefs player, Al Fitzmorris and Mickey Cobb, Kansas City Royals players, and three collegiate soccer players, and University of Missouri Air Force ROTC members will sign autographs beginning at 5 p.m. The KC Wolf will also make an appearance! There will be games, prizes and free pizza!

This event is sponsored in part by First Community Bank* and Sprint.*

Teen Center 687-5819

Dinner and a movie

Join friends 5-10 p.m. today for dinner and a movie in Sedalia. The cost is \$1. Participants must bring money for dinner and admission to the movie.

Let's go camping!

Join friends at 5 p.m. April 15 through 5 p.m. April 16 for a night in the wilderness at Truman Lake, Mo. Participants can cook food over an open flame and tell stories around the camp fire. The next morning participants will rise early and head out to the lake to fish. The teen center will furnish tents and food, but you must bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, personal items and a fishing pole. Some of these items are available for rent at outdoor recreation 687-5565.

Community Center 687-5617

Snakes alive

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and education 1-2 p.m. Saturday with some of nature's most misunderstood creatures. Participants will have an opportunity to touch a live snake and watch a short film about Missouri snakes. Photography is encouraged.

Halo competition

Mature players are welcome to participate in HALO gaming 11 a.m.-4 p.m. April 16. The cost is \$1 per person.

Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Crappie tournament

A tournament takes place 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m. April 16 at Long Shoals Marina in Warsaw, Mo. The entry fee is \$25 per two-person boat. Register at outdoor recreation by Monday.

Boater safety course - pontoon

A training course takes place 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday to certify participants on pontoon boat operations. Call outdoor recreation for details.

Long Shoals launch

A bass fishing tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Truman Lake. Participants can register and pay a one-time \$20 fee at outdoor recreation. This allows people to participate in 12 tournaments throughout the season. Call outdoor recreation for details.

Royal Oaks Golf Course 687-5572

Royal Oaks tax relief tournament

Swing away the 2005 tax season at the Royal Oaks tax relief tournament four-person scramble beginning at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start April 16. The cost is \$15 plus cart and

greens fee. Sign up by today.

Fitness Center 687-5496

5K Tax day run

Sign up now through Thursday for a 5K fun run beginning at 10:40 a.m. at the fitness center April 15.

Mission's End 687-4422

ACC tax day \$1 lunch


Club members will receive \$1 lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 15 at the Mission's End.

Prime rib buffet and country night




Mission's End is going country! There will be a prime rib buffet 5:30-8 p.m. April 23. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for nonmembers. After the meal participants can join in country line dancing from 8-10 p.m.

Administrative professional's luncheon

Treat your administrative professional to a luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 27 at the Mission's End. The menu includes shrimp cocktail, wild flower salad, triple cheese stuffed chicken breast and death by chocolate dessert. The cost is \$10.95 per person. Sign up by April 22.



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